## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re	Application of:	)	
Drew D. Perkins et al.		)	Group Art Unit: 2616
Application No.: 10/712,732		)	Examiner: Pham, Brenda H.
Filed:	November 12, 2003	)	
For:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DEPLOYING FORWARD ERROR CORRECTION IN OPTICAL TRANSMISSION NETWORKS AND THE DEPLOYMENT OF PHOTONIC INTEGRATED CIRCUIT (PIC) CHIPS WITH THE SAME	))))))))	Confirmation No.: 9275
Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450			
Sir:			

## **REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action having a Notification Date of September 15, 2008, the period for response to which has been extended through January 15, 2009, by a fee payment filed contemporaneously herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.